Is There a Brexit Consensus To Be Found?

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Questions

• What do voters make of Mrs May’s deal?
• What do they think about the alternatives?
• How about passing the decision back to voters?
Support or Oppose The Deal?

Source: YouGov
Deal Good or Bad for Britain?

From what you have heard, do you think the agreement reached by the Prime Minister with the EU is good or bad for Britain? (5-point scale)

Source: Opinium
A Remarkable Outbreak of Unity!

Source: Average of 6 YouGov polls, 3.12.18-7.1.19
Relative Popularity

If there was a referendum tomorrow with the options of remaining in the EU, accepting the government’s Brexit agreement, or leaving the EU without a deal, which would you support?

Source: Deltapoll, ICM, IQR, Number Cruncher Politics, Opinium, Survation, YouGov
Different Priorities

Sources: YouGov 27.11-4.12.18; Survation 10-11.1.19; Deltapoll 26-27.11.18
Procedural Pluralism

Source: Opinium
Hiding A Polarised Structure

Source: Average of 9 polls by Opinium 26.9-1.3.19
An Explicit Search for Compromise

Source: YouGov 22-23.2.19
But A Soft Brexit Does Not Bridge The Divide

Source: YouGov 22-23.2.19
Another Third Choice?

Source: Survation 10-11.1.19
Support/Oppose No Deal

Source: BMG 8-11.1.19; Sky 18.1.19; YouGov 22-23.2.19 (For YG Support = Good Outcome or Acceptable Compromise)
A People’s/Public Vote on ......
Referendum on Remain vs Leave

- YouGov 8.1: Support 36, Oppose 49
- ComRes 15.1: Support 35, Oppose 48
- ComRes 2.12: Support 40, Oppose 50
- Ashcroft 22.11: Support 38, Oppose 47
- ComRes 17.1: Support 38, Oppose 47
- Deltapoll 23.2: Support 43, Oppose 45
Wording Matters To Leave Voters – But Evidently A Remainer Project

Source: 12 polls conducted by Ashcroft, BMG, Deltapoll, Opinium Populus, Survation, YouGov: 15-11.18-15.2.19
An Even Divide: No Deal vs Public Vote

Source: Opinium
EURef2 Poll of Polls

Source data at www.WhatUKThinks.org/EU run by NatCen Social Research
The Turnover of ‘Votes’

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Source: Average of 6 polls conducted by Deltapoll, Kantar, Survation and YouGov, 22.1-23.2.19
Conclusion

• Mrs May’s deal has proven an unpopular compromise.
• But no other option appears to be both widely popular and capable of appealing to Remainers and Leavers.
• A ‘soft Brexit’ is a Remainer compromise that runs the risk of being little loved – much like Mrs May’s deal.
• ‘No Deal’ is a Leaver’s solution
• A second referendum is not as popular as sometimes claimed. It is also a Remainer solution (perhaps because Remainers think it’d produce a different result).